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Commercial Daily Oyster Sack Limit Adjusted

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has adjusted the commercial daily sack limit for tonging and dredging to 15 sacks per licensed commercial dredging vessel and 10 sacks per licensed commercial tonging vessel, beginning at legal sunrise, Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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